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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to fully steady. Limited trading was reported for deferred. Demand was light to moderate with most interest noted for the Thanksgiving holiday. Parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light to adequate. Offerings moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums and thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was light to adequate. Supplies were sufficient for current interest.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 06, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	4500	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	75.00	20	AUG	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	4500	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION	68-69	-	-	-	75.00	20	AUG	400	MAY-JUN
WESTERN REGION	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	72.00	800	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	73.00	800	JUN	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00 **	68.50 **	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	68.50 **	68.18	64.40 **
WESTERN REGION	68.00 **	67.70 **	65.60 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	69.00	68.10 **	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	68.50 **	68.39	64.00
WESTERN REGION	68.00 **	67.70 **	64.30 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	89-97
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	89-97
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Apr 10, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	80.60	1,448,000
16-24 lbs.	85.76	210,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	40,000
16-24 lbs.	--	20,000

Total Volume:	1,718,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 01-Apr-2006 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE			LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
North East	788	2	23.42	(A)	789	23.42
South Atlantic	739	7	32.25	(A)	740	32.25
North Central	2,026	3	33.03	(A)	2,027	33.03
South Central	755	7	18.99	(A)	755	18.99
West	376	13	25.01	(A)	376	25.01
U.S. total	4,684(B)	5	28.40	3	4,687	28.40
To-date						
2006	55,100(B)			75	55,175	
To-date						
2005	52,829(B)			47	52,876	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 0,000; for the current year to date 279,000; for last year to date 314,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	399,979*
March 1 - 31, 2006	482,566*

To date 2006	1,268,002*
To date 2005	1,234,648*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 01-Apr-2006					
Head	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Avg Wt	17.58	37.53	0.00	51.01	28.40
Last week	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Same wk yr ago	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Avg Wt	16.37	37.70	28.06	43.08	29.24
To-date/2006	22,635	32,186	279	75	55,175
To-date/2005	19,960	32,555	314	47	52,876

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 APRIL 2006.

The market tone on white meat was steady to instances firm. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings generally light to adequate. Demand for further processed production mixed, mostly moderate. Some processors were noting a slowing interest in ground turkey while export interest ranged slow to instances moderate. Trading was active on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts for April - June shipments, balance slow. For domestic: drummettes 22; Grade A non basted rib breasts - 10-12 lb. 147-150; plant grade non-basted rib breasts - 10-12 lb. 150, 18-20 lb. 165-170 mostly 165 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	117.00		117.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	138.88	98
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	106.00		106.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-46.50		46.30	33
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	11
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00-25.00		24.44	48
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	24.00	41
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	112.00	40
NECKS, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.31	16
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	165.00	54
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	169.00-173.00		170.60	200
THIGH MEAT	72.00		72.00	8
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	73.22	188
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	117.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	117.00	40
TENDERLOINS	162.00		162.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	167.33	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		T	173.00	12
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	77.00	10
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	22.47	264
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00-47.50		47.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-72.00		69.74	92

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums was barely steady to mostly steady, tom necks steady and tom wings steady to barely steady. Demand light to instances moderate. Offerings of tom drums light to adequate with supply availability depending upon destination. Tom wing offerings adequate to ample and tom necks light to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat showed signs of improvement in response to increased activity for Asia, Mexico and other destinations. Trading was heavy on frozen thigh meat for export, active on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh - wing meat with skin 80, breast trim 116, scapula 119; Grade A basted rib breasts - 4-8 lb. 114 delivered close-by for late May shipments, 12-16 lb. rib breasts 165; plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. rib breasts 150 cents delivered. For export: hearts 24, heavy hen necks 33.50, fresh tom drums 44, tom defatted gizzards 56, Russian thigh meat 91-100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ R T R	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	117.00	160	117.00	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		T	138.88	98	138.88	98
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	106.00	800	106.00	800
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00		46.00	64	46.10	97
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00		46.00	40	46.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	40.00-41.00		40.10	195	40.20	206
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-24.00		23.00	160	23.84	300
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	20	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00-40.00		38.00	160	37.00	280
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	109.00		109.00	40	110.50	80
NECKS, TOM	35.00		35.00	2	34.59	85
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	162.00		162.00	200	162.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00-174.00		170.47	660	169.91	980
THIGH MEAT	69.50		69.50	40	69.92	48
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	72.00		72.00	108	72.00	108
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40	116.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	40	117.00	80
TENDERLOINS	162.00		162.00	4	162.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	168.00		168.00	40	167.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	77.00	10	77.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00-173.00		169.67	36	170.50	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	18	22.08	322
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.00-47.00		46.00	80	46.90	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.50	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	25.00		25.00	104	28.06	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.50-73.00		67.02	2,372	67.20	2,860

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